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**Box Patent Application**  
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Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

Applicant: MASAHIDE SHIMA AND HITOSHI TAKADA

Title: CARRIER FOR CATALYST FOR USE IN PRODUCTION OF  
ETHYLENE OXIDE, CATALYST FOR USE IN PRODUCTION OF  
ETHYLENE OXIDE, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF  
ETHYLENE OXIDE

The prior application is assigned of record to Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd.,  
a Japan corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and  
Trademark Office and recorded on November 16, 1999 at 010403/0284.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	Pages
Specification	25
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Enclosures:

— Form PTO-1449, 2 pages and Form PTO 892, 1 page, listing documents  
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- Preliminary amendment, 2 pages.
- Postcard.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/441,545, filed November 16, 1999, now allowed and pursuant to 35 USC § 119, this application claims the benefit of foreign priority applications filed in Japan, serial number 10-326516, filed November 17, 1998 and in Japan, serial number 11-178965, filed June 24, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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